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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. PIKE COMMITTEE. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM AN HOUR AND A HALF WITH CONGRESSMAN MCCLORY WHO CALLED ME UP THERE TO DISCUSS THE PIKE COMMITTEE REPORT PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH PIKE TOMORROW MORNING. MCCLORY TOLD ME THAT PIKE HAD ASKED FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE COMMITTEE TODAY TO PERMIT HIM AND MCCLORY TO WORK TOGETHER TO STRIKE THE "CHILDISH" REFERENCES TO YOU IN THE REPORT. THAT CONSENT WAS GIVEN AND THE TWO WILL MEET TOMORROW MORNING. MCCLORY SHOWED ME A LIST OF PLACES IN THE REPORT THAT PIKE WANTS TO CHANGE. BY AND LARGE THEY ARE BASICALLY COSMETIC: ELIMINATION OF REFERENCES TO YOU AND SUBSTITUTION OF "THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT"; DELETION OF PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE ADJECTIVES, ETC. THESE CHANGES CLEARLY WILL BE HELPFUL BUT THEY DO NOT

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GET AT THE BASIC SUBSTANCE OF A NUMBER OF THE MORE OUT-

RAGEOUS CHARGES. MCCLORY WAS NOT CERTAIN WHAT MORE HE COULD CONVINCE PIKE TO ELIMINATE BUT ASKED FOR ANY SUGGESTIONS WE MIGHT HAVE.

SAUNDERS AND I WENT OVER POINTS RANGING FROM THE ACCUSATION

OF YOUR "INACTIVITY" WITH REGARD TO THE DAVIES ASSASSINATION, THROUGH SALT, ANGOLA, CYPRUS, THE OCTOBER 1973 WAR, ETC. MCCLORY MADE COPIOUS NOTES AND AGREED TO DO WHAT HE COULD. HE PARTICULARLY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO TRYING TO PERSUADE PIKE TO DROP THE REFERENCES TO THE DAVIES ASSASSINATION, ARGUING THAT THEY WERE TOTALLY GRATUITOUS AND NOT EVEN SUPPORTED IN THE REPORT BY REFERENCES AS TO THE SOURCE OF THE CHARGE. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD USE WHATEVER OF OUR POINTS HE COULD NOT PERSUADE PIKE TO ACCEPT IN THE MINORITY REPORT WHICH THEY WILL BEGIN TO DRAFT OVER THE WEEKEND. IN SHORT, MCCLORY WAS MORE SUPPORTIVE AND MORE REASONABLE THAN HE HAS EVER BEEN WITH ME; WE ARE STILL USING A BLUNT WEAPON BUT SOMETHING MAY COME OF THE EXERCISE.

MORE INTERESTING IS THE QUESTION OF WHY OTIS PIKE SEEMS TO BE BACKING OFF. I SUSPECT THAT HE FINDS, NOW THAT HE HAS LOOKED AT THE DRAFT REPORT, THAT HE IS THE VICTIM OF SOME VERY IMMATURE AND NOT VERY GOOD WORK BY THE COMMITTEE STAFF, AND RECOGNIZES THAT THE REPORT AS IT NOW STANDS WILL NOT DO HIM OR HIS COMMITTEE ANY GOOD ONCE IT IS PUBLISHED. I HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE, BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH SEVERAL PEOPLE TODAY, THAT HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO BACK OFF THE WHOLE MESS BUT CAN FIND NO WAY TO DO SO. IN SHORT, HE HAS A LOUSY REPORT ON HIS HANDS, IS WRAPPED AROUND AN ISSUE OF BREACH OF FAITH WITH THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ON THE RELEASE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION IN THE REPORT, AND THEREFORE WANTS TO AT LEAST AVOID THE CHARGE OF A PERSONAL VENDETTA AGAINST YOU WHICH COMES THROUGH VERY CLEARLY IN THE REPORT AS IT IS NOW WRITTEN.

I WILL SEE TREEN, KASTEN AND ASPIN TOMORROW. WITH THE FIRST TWO I WILL DO WHAT I CAN TO GET THEM TO WORK ON WRITING A GOOD MINORITY REPORT, AND WITH ASPIN I WILL TRY
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TO GET HIM TO HELP AS MUCH AS HE CAN ON THE MORE OUTRAGEOUS CHARGES SUCH AS THE DAVIES ASSASSINATION. I WILL REPORT TO YOU TOMORROW EVENING ON WHAT PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE. IN THE MEANTIME WE WILL BE SENDING YOU TONIGHT AND TOMORROW MORNING THE PAPERS WE HAVE PREPARED FOR USE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (THE PAPER ON THE DAVIS ASSASSINATION WAS SENT THIS EVENING).

2. BILL ROGERS SAYS YES, IF YOU DECIDE TO GO AHEAD.

3. AT THE RISK OF SOUNDING LIKE A BROKEN RECORD (AND PUTTING MYSELF IN THE POSITION WHERE YOU WILL GLADLY FIRE ME), I WANT TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN OUR DIRE FINANCIAL STRAITS AS THEY RELATE TO VISITS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE

FISCAL YEAR. WE NOW FACE THE NEED TO FINANCE VISITS BY RABIN, GISCARD, THE IRISH PRESIDENT, JUAN CARLOS, AND PRIVATE VISITS BY THE SWEDISH AND DANISH MONARCHS. WE HAVE \$175,000 LEFT IN THE FUND AND A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF THE VISITS PREVIOUSLY LISTED IS \$225,000. I AM FRANTICALLY LOOKING AROUND TO SEE WHAT OTHER MONEY WE CAN FIND BUT WE ARE PERILOUSLY CLOSE TO REACHING THE POINT OF TRYING TO PUMP A DRY WELL. IN ADDITION WE HAVE TO FINANCE PARTS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP AROUND THE WORLD AND FIGURE OUT A WAY TO PAY FOR YOUR ADDITIONAL TRAVEL DURING THE FISCAL YEAR. THEREFORE, WHILE I DEVOUTLY HOPE FOR SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROUND OF TALKS, I HOPE IT IS POSSIBLE TO AVOID A BREZHNEV VISIT PRIOR TO THE FIRST OF JULY. IN THE EVENT HE HAS TO COME BEFORE THEN, I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU RISK LOSING ONE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT VIA DEFENESTRATION.

4. AND NOW FOR THE LAST BIT OF BAD NEWS. YOU WILL RECALL THAT YOU AGREED TO APPEAR IN EXECUTIVE SESSION BEFORE THE SLACK STATE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 26. THAT SESSION WOULD BE AN INFORMAL 'ROUND THE WORLD WITH NO REFERENCE TO THE BUDGET AS SUCH. WAYNE HAYS,

CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE, HAS NOW ASKED THAT YOU APPEAR BEFORE HIS SUBCOMMITTEE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE SAME SORT OF IN-SECRET

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FORMAL GAB SESSION. WAYNE HAS SUGGESTED FEBRUARY 16, 17, OR 18 BUT JANE TELLS ME THAT THIS PERIOD IS NOW RESERVED FOR A LATIN AMERICAN TRIP. THE ONLY OTHER TIMES THAT LOOK POSSIBLE ON YOUR SCHEDULE ARE FEBRUARY 9 (A MONDAY) OR 10. LUNS WILL BE IN WASHINGTON AT THIS POINT BUT I SHOULD THINK WE COULD SCHEDULE AROUND HIM, SINCE HAYS WANTS YOU AT 10:00 A.M. AND PROMISES TO HAVE YOU OUT BY NOON.

YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE NEW BUDGET LAW REQUIRES THAT THE AUTHORIZATION PROCESS BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE APPROPRIATION PROCESS IS COMPLETED; THEREFORE WAYNE ASKS THAT YOU APPEAR BEFORE HIS SUBCOMMITTEE BEFORE YOU GO BEFORE THE SLACK SUBCOMMITTEE. I HAVE MADE NO COMMITMENT TO HAYS OTHER THAN TO PROMISE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU ON THE ISSUE. NEVERTHELESS (AND I KNOW THIS IS SPECIAL PLEADING)

YOU KNOW HOW STRONGLY I RECOMMEND YOU AGREE TO APPEAR BEFORE HAYS. THE HEARING WILL REQUIRE NO REAL PRIOR PREPARATION AND I AM ABSOLUTELY ASSURED BY HAYS THAT THERE WILL BE NO QUESTIONS ON THE BUDGET. IN ANY EVENT HAYS HAS BEEN TOO GOOD A FRIEND (AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR) TO DENY HIM THIS REQUEST. WITH THOSE WORDS I WILL NOW HUNKER DOWN AND AWAIT THE BLAST I KNOW I WILL GET, BECAUSE I MUST ADMIT, LOOKING AT YOUR SCHEDULE, THAT IT

NOW APPEARS YOU WILL BE SPENDING EVERY WAKING HOUR WITH YOUR GOOD FRIENDS IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

4. THE LEIGH MEMO ON THE SUBJECT YOU AND I DISCUSSED MONDAY EVENING WILL BE SENT TO YOU TOMORROW.

5. SCOWCROFT HAS CHECKED WITH THE PRESIDENT, WHO DOES WANT REED TO GET AN EMBASSY. CONSEQUENTLY, I WILL FORWARD THE PAPERS TO THE WHITE HOUSE NOMINATING HIM FOR SRI LANKA TOMORROW. SISCO

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